

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 7
SECOND QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto,
Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 7 during second quarter 2003 was 219,806, an increase of 1.3% from the first quarter 2003, and a decrease of 0.3% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 15 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 8.3% was in administrative and waste services.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2003, first quarter 2003, second quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 65. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 7 with 38,681 employees, or 17.6% of total employment. Caddo was the leading parish with 118,361 employees, or 53.8% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.3% from the same period in 2002, and increased 2.8% from the first quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$547.10. Caddo parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$600.86.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 7 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 7" beginning on page 68.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Bienville	\$ 511.86
Bossier	481.07
Caddo	600.86
Claiborne	473.92
DeSoto	562.18
Lincoln	493.58
Natchitoches	459.70
Red River	442.25
Sabine	430.03
Webster	498.29

The number of reporting units in RLMA 7 for second quarter 2003 was 13,853.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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